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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Y. TAKEZAWA et al (See Attached List)

For:  
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DIAGNOSING  
DETERIORATION OF AN ARTICLE

Enclosed are:

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Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

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Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-197654  
filed June 29, 2001

☒ A certified copy is attached herewith.

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Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and

☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

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Specification: Abstract ☒ Description ☒ 36 pages; and ☒ 9 claim(s).

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